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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 1995

Mr. EWING introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. KANKAKEE RIVER BASIN COMPREHENSIVE**
4 **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 (1) the Kankakee River Basin lies within 2
2 States, Illinois and Indiana, and has an area of ap-
3 proximately 5,000 square miles;

4 (2) more than 1,000,000 people live in the
5 basin, many of whom live in communities located on
6 the main stem of the Kankakee River, which extends
7 for over 200 miles;

8 (3)(A) the Kankakee River has a number of
9 significant tributaries; and

10 (B) the drainage areas associated with the trib-
11 utaries are large, with some over several hundred
12 square miles in size;

13 (4) although flooding in the basin is widespread
14 and increasing over time, including the flooding due
15 to ice jams and flooding due to increased rates of
16 sedimentation, there is only 1 small flood control
17 project operating in the basin as of the date of the
18 enactment of this Act; and

19 (5) there is substantial environmental degrada-
20 tion in the basin that results from sedimentation
21 and other uses of and conditions in the basin.

22 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to require
23 a study of the Kankakee River Basin in order to involve
24 interested Federal, State, and local agencies and private
25 citizens in a cooperative and comprehensive identification

1 of problems, solutions, and methods for the implementa-
2 tion of solutions, related to the management of the basin.

3 (c) MASTER PLAN.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the
5 Army, in cooperation with other interested Federal, State,
6 and local agencies and private citizens, shall study, and
7 prepare a comprehensive master plan for the management
8 of, the Kankakee River Basin. The study shall focus pri-
9 marily on basinwide management methods for flood dam-
10 age reduction, environmental enhancement, and erosion
11 control and may evaluate water quality, the contribution
12 of wetland restoration to environmental and flood control
13 mitigation, land use management, and other related top-
14 ics.

15 (d) FEASIBILITY REPORT.—Not later than 30
16 months after the date of completion of the study and plan
17 under subsection (c), the Secretary of the Army shall pre-
18 pare, in accordance with section 905 of the Water Re-
19 sources Development Act of 1986 (33 U.S.C. 2282), a fea-
20 sibility report concerning the flood damage reduction
21 measures and environmental enhancement measures de-
22 scribed in the plan.

23 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
24 are authorized to be appropriated \$500,000 for the study
25 and preparation of the plan required under subsection (c)

- 1 and such sums as may be necessary to prepare the feasibil-
- 2 ity report required under subsection (d).

